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1. HIGHLIGHTS. SATURDAY THROUGH MONDAY PAPERS FEATURED
DOM-STIC NEWS; SATURDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGED PRESIDENT PLANS
CHINA VISIT. SATURDAY NYTIMES INSIDE HAD BONN AND MOSCOW
EASE BERLIN ISSUE; SUNDAY TIMES HAD GERMANS CHARGE CIA
WITH MONITORING SOVIET OFFICIALS IN WEST GERMANY. TODAY'S
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PAPERS REPORT SOVIET MILITARY HINTS DISFAVOR OF ARMS

PACT. SOME CONTINUING COMMENT ON PACT.

2. SALT. MONDAY WASHSTAR ITEM REPORTS THAT WHILE OTHER SOVIET PUBLICATIONS WORK OVERTIME EXTOLLING THE STRATEGIC ARMS AGREEMENT WITH US, A HINT OF DISPLEASURE ON PART OF SOVIET MILITARY HAS SURFACED AS KRASNAYA PUBLISHED A COMMENTARY ATTACKING FOREIGN MILITARY BASES AS A SOURCE OF WAR DANGER. ITEM SAYS THIS PASSAGE IS VIEWED AS VEILED CRITICISM OF BREZHNEV'S HANDLING OF PREVIOUSLY SHARPLY CONTESTED ISSUE OF FOREIGN BASES SERVING US NUCLEAR AIRCRAFT. ITEM ADDS KISSINGER HAS SAID FORWARD BASE SYSTEMS WEREN'T INCLUDED BECAUSE NOT SUITABLE FOR A SIGNIFICANT ATTACK ON SOVIET UNION.

2A. MONDAY NYTIMES MOSCOW SPECIAL REPORTS KRASNAYA ZVEZDA HINTED AT DISSATISFACTION WITH DECISION ON FORWARD-BASED NUCLEAR AIRCRAFT, SPECIAL STORY ADDING THIS APPARENT CONCESSION BY MOSCOW WAS EXPECTED TO CAUSE CONTROVERSY IN MILITARY CIRCLES EVEN THOUGH AMERICAN STRATEGIC BOMBERS ARE CONSIDERED INCLUDED IN THE MIX OF WEAPONS FALLING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT. SPECIAL SAYS PUBLISHED COMMENTARY BY COL. ALEKSEI LEONTYEV, MAJOR PORTION WHICH HAS NOW BEEN DISTRIBUTED BY TASS, SEEMED MORE SIGNIFICANT FOR ITS TIMING THAN FOR ITS DETAILS ON WESTERN BASES, AND COMMENTARY MENTIONED ASIAN RATHER THAN WESTERN BASES AND REASSERTED CRITICISM OF US PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN, WHICH WAS CALLED A THREAT TO OIL-PRODUCERS, AND COMMENTARY ASSERTED VIETNAM WAR SHOWED THAT FOREIGN BASES ARE A SOURCE OF WAR DANGER, CITING USE OF BASES IN OKINAWA THAILAND.

3. COMMENT. SATURDAY BALTSUN EDITORIAL SAID CRITICS ARE QUITE RIGHT IN COMPLAINING FORD ACCEPTED TOO HIGH A CEILING ON NUMBER OF MISSILES AND NUMBER OF MIRVS. SUN CONCEDES THAT CONCEPT OF AGREEMENT ON OVERALL NUMERICAL BALANCE IN STRATEGIC DELIVERY VEHICLES IS AN ENORMOUS ADVANCE BUT IF ITS POTENTIAL IS TO BE ACHIEVED CONGRESS WILL HAVE TO INSIST THAT THE VLADIVOSTOK CEILINGS BE LOWERED TO POINT WHERE THEY WILL REALLY CURB THE ARMS RACE.

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3A. MONDAY WALL STREET JOURNAL EDITORIAL STRESSES TWO POINTS ON VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT: 1, IT GUARANTEES NO MEANINGFUL REDUCTION IN NUCLEAR ARMS BEFORE 1985; 2, ALLOWS SOVIETS A POTENTIAL 3-TO-1 ADVANTAGE IN THROW-WEIGHT AND THUS WARHEAD NUMBERS. JOURNAL SAYS AGREEMENT MUST BE SEEN AS ANOTHER STEP ALONG THE PATH TO EVENTUAL SOVIET STRATEGIC SUPERIORITY; AND VLADIVOSTOK BREAKTHROUGH

CONSISTED OF THE ABANDONMENT OF ESSENTIALS OF THE AMERICAN NEGOTIATING POSITION. IF THE POLICY OF THIS ADMINISTRATION IS THAT SUPERIORITY DOESN'T MATTER, THAT POLICY OUGHT NOT TO BE STATED ON KISSINGER'S DEEP BACKGROUND BUT IN TONIGHT'S PRESIDENTIAL PRESS CONFERENCE.

3B. SATURDAY WASHSTAR HAD RICHARD WILSON COLUMN SAYING NEITHER SIDE SHOULD BE SAID TO HAVE TRIUMPHED AT VLADIVOSTOK, ALTHOUGH HOPEFULLY A CAP HAS BEEN PLACED ON NUCLEAR EXPANSION, BUT US PUBLIC SHOULD NOT EXPECT ANY REDUCTION IN COST OF NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS.

3C. WASHSTAR ALSO HAD TER HORST COLUMN WARNING AGAINST FORD'S WILLINGNESS TO TRUST SOVIET ASSURANCES ON FUTURE

ARMS LIMITATION AND SAYING AGREEMENT SHOULD NOT BECOME A TREATY UNLESS IT CONTAINS AIRTIGHT PROVISIONS ON VERIFICATION.

4. TIME MAGAZINE. TIME HAS ARTICLE ON QUOTE BREAKTHROUGH UNQUOTE ON SALT SAYING NESSEN'S REMARKS ON FORD'S TRIUMPH APPARENTLY WERE THE OPENING STATEMENTS IN ANOTHER NATIONAL DEBATE OVER NUCLEAR WEAPONS. ACCORDING ARTICLE, THERE SEEMED TO BE A GROWING CONSENSUS THAT IMPENDING DEAL IS BETTER THAN NO AGREEMENT AT ALL, BUT IT WAS CRITICIZED FROM TWO CONTRASTING VIEWPOINTS: SOME HOLDING US YIELDING TOO MUCH; ARMS CONTROL SPECIALISTS COMPLAINING PACT WOULD LEGITIMIZE BOTH NUCLEAR DEPLOYMENT TO DATE AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF SUPERPOWERS OVER TEN YEARS. ARTICLE EXPLAINS AGREEMENT IF COMPLETED WOULD IMPOSE TWO KINDS OF CEILINGS: 2400 OVERALL, WITH SOVIETS HAVING TO PHASE OUT ABOUT 100 LAUNCHERS AND US ALLOWED A SLIGHT INCREASE; MIRV CEILING OF 1300. ARTICLE SAYS SOVIETS HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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THROW-WEIGHT ADVANTAGE, ADDS EACH SIDE WOULD BE FREE TO CHANGE ITS EMPHASIS ON THROW-WEIGHT IF DESIRED, ALSO QUOTES A TOP US DEFENDER OF THE AGREEMENT SAYING: TO WIN AN ADVANTAGE OF 200 MISSILES MORE OR LESS IS NO LONGER DECISIVE STRATEGICALLY: SUPERIORITY BECOMES IMPORTANT WHEN IT IS GREAT ENOUGH TO PREVENT EFFECTIVE RETALIATION AFTER A FIRST STRIKE AND THERE IS NO WAY FOR AN ENEMY TO ELIMINATE US MISSILE-CARRYING SUBS. TIME ARTICLE SAYS GENERALLY, THE AGREEMENT SEEMS TO POSE NO NEW STRATEGIC DANGER FOR EITHER SIDE, AND EACH SIDE CAN BUILD UP ITS ARSENAL, BUT HOWEVER IMPORTANT IN MAINTAINING DETENTE MOMENTUM, VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT IS NO BREAKTHROUGH IN ARMS REDUCTION AND ITS LIMITATION IS LARGELY ACADEMIC.

4A. NEWSWEEK NOT YET AVAILABLE. KISSINGER

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